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**The National Deaf-Blind Equipment Distribution Program**

# **Year 2 in Review**

## **NDBEDP Monthly National Call**

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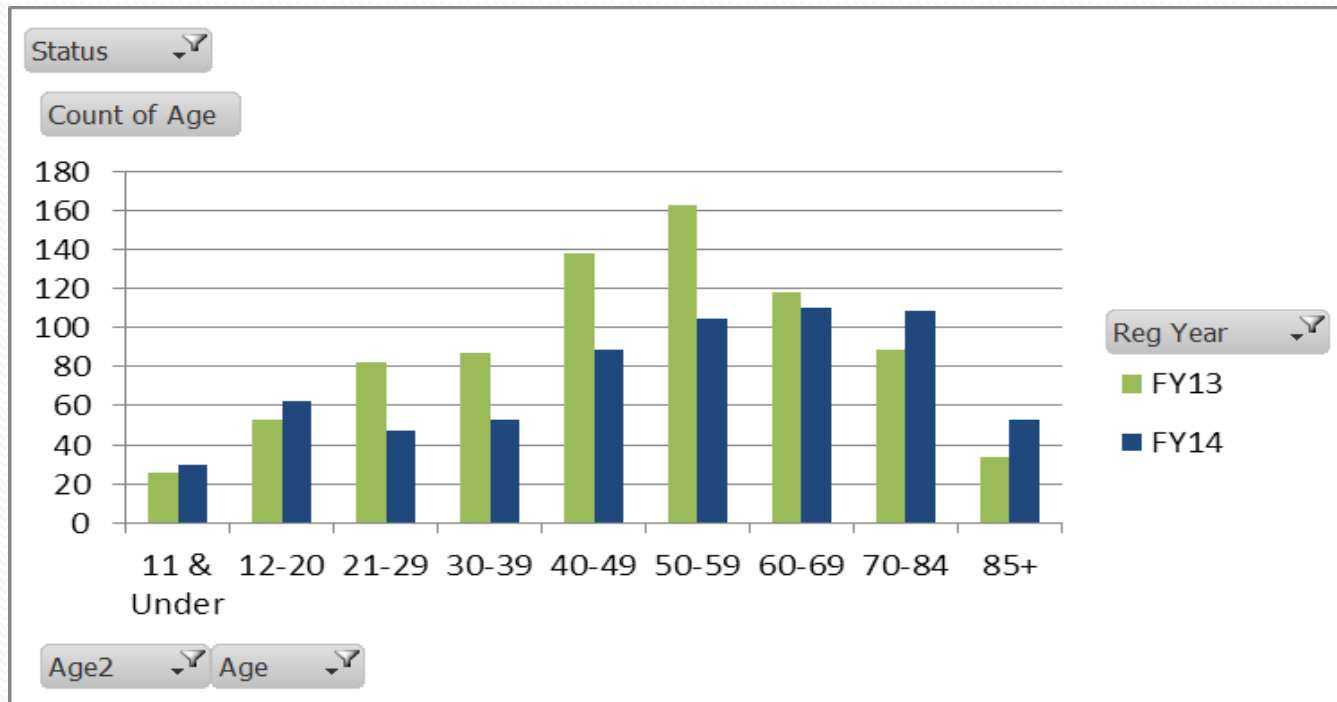
# What the data represents

- The data presented in the following slides represents the 33 states that are using our database
- These states include a cross section of the US:
  - Large, mid-sized and small state geographies
  - Low and high population states per size
  - A combination of urban and rural populations

## Consumers: *July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014*

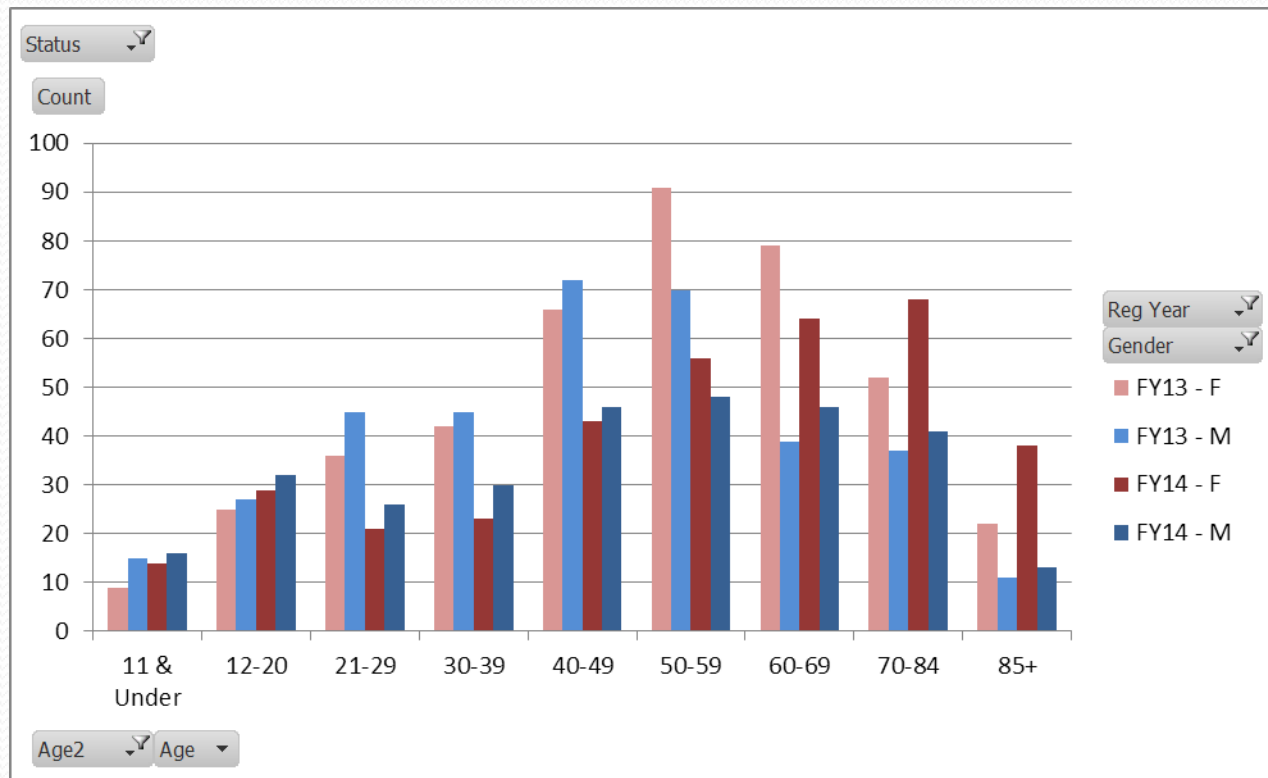
- 1598 active consumers
- 768 received assessment services
- 795 received equipment
- 715 received some training

## Consumers: *by age* – Year 1 vs. Year 2



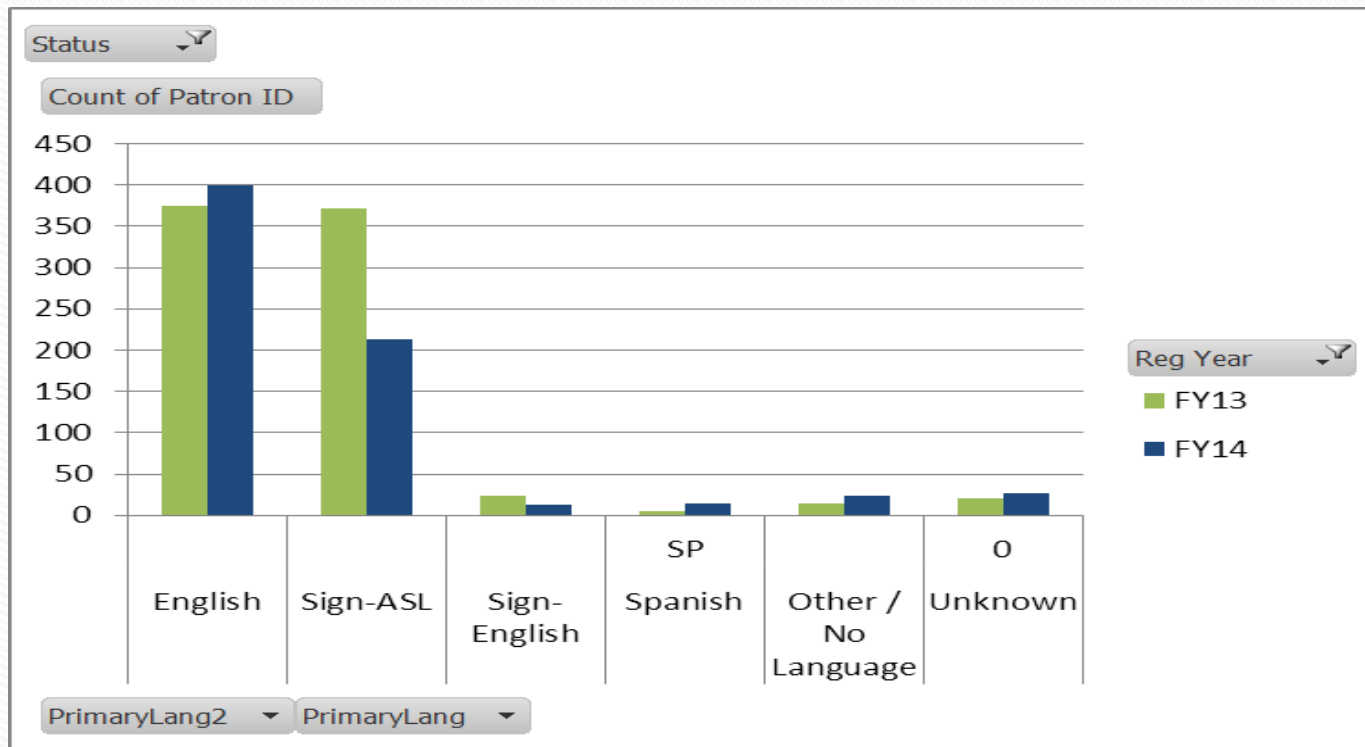
- Year 2 shows a marked skew towards an older demographic
- Number of Consumers registered in Year 2 less than year 1

# Consumers: *by gender – Year 1 vs. Year 2*



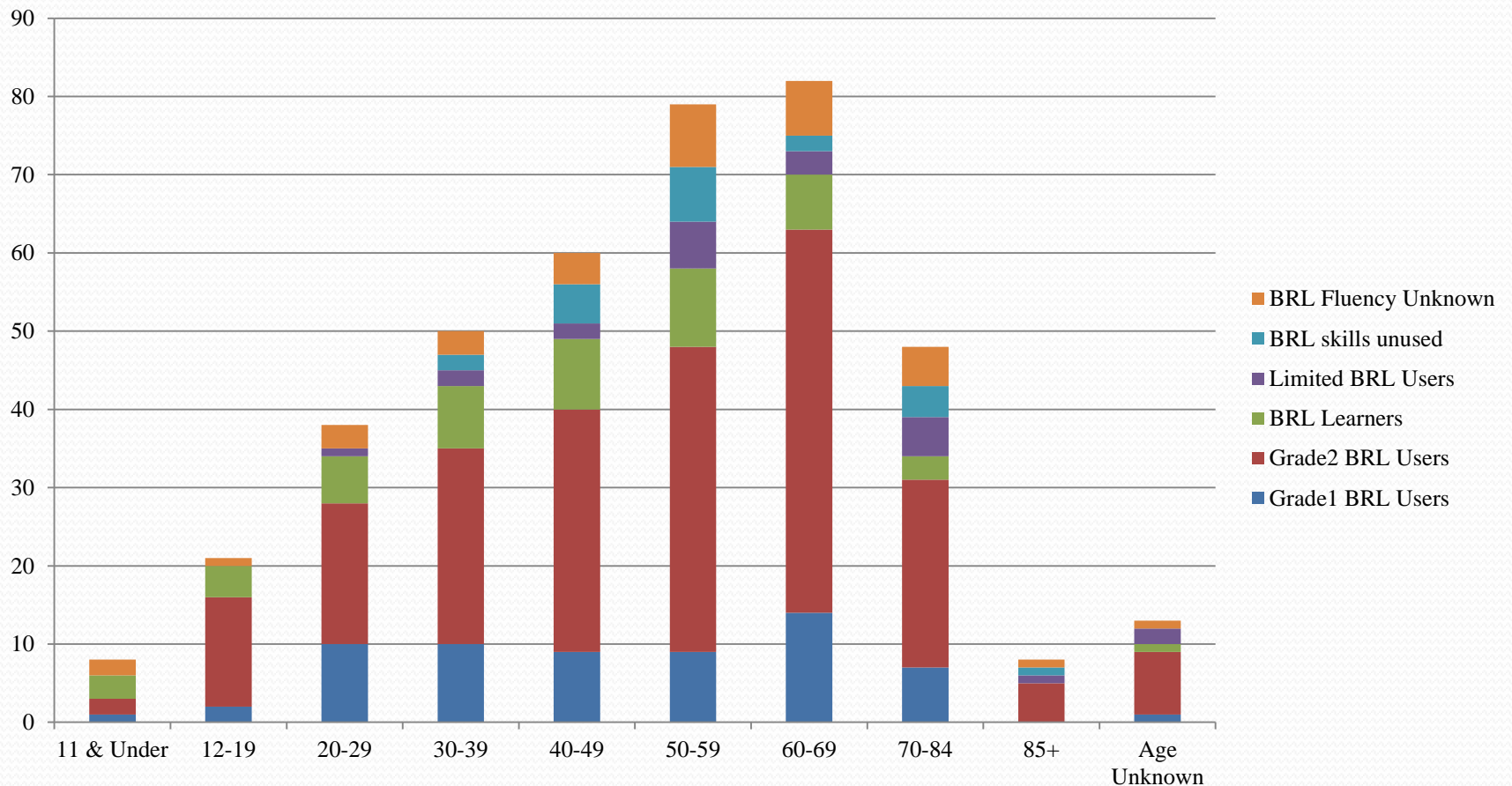
- Adding gender to the age data shows an increase in the number of older women signing up for the program

# Consumers: *by language – Year 1 vs. year 2*

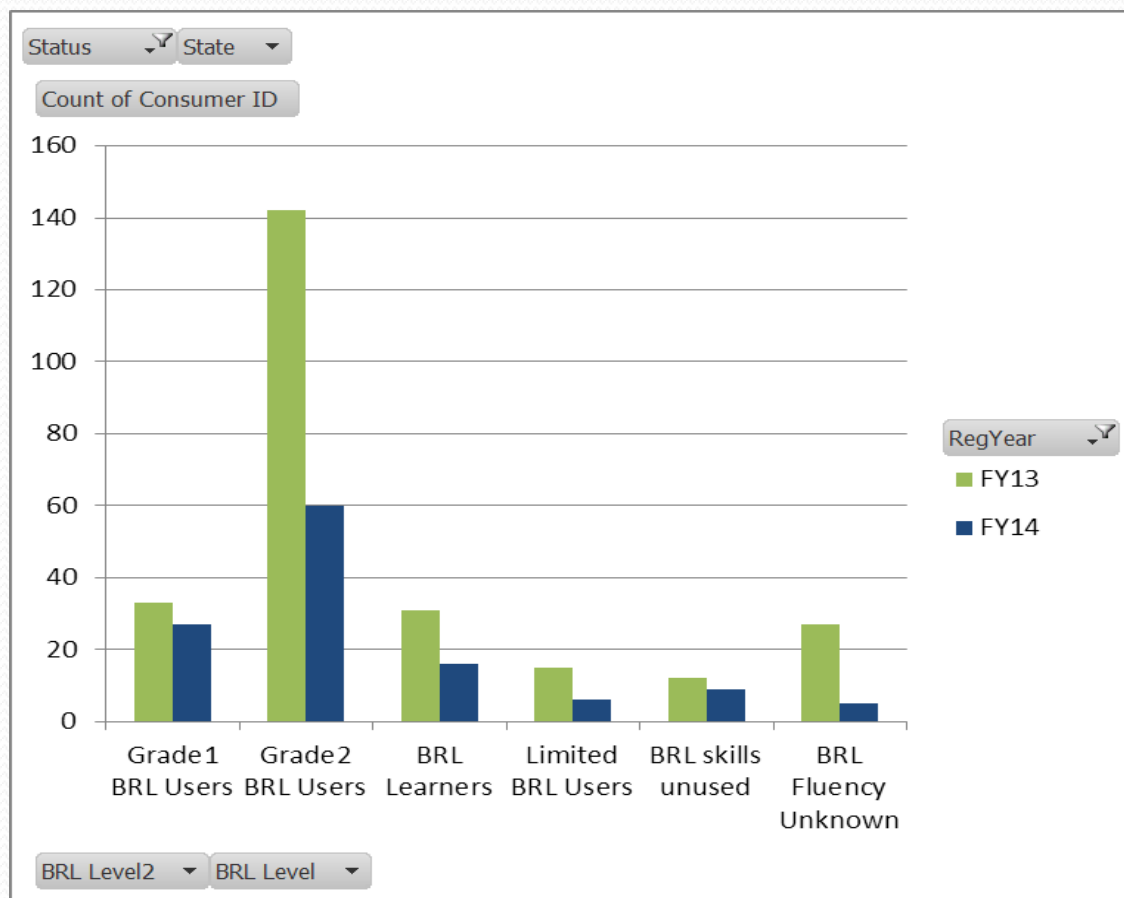


- Year 2 shows a larger number of people identifying Spoken English as their primary language over Sign Language
- Uptick in Spanish speakers
- Unknown language is more prevalent with consumers waiting to be assessed

# Consumers using braille – by Age group



# Consumers using braille – Year 1 vs. year 2





# Assessment Hours

- **Assessment FY 14**

- 768 Consumers
- Average 1.91 hours
- Average \$400
- Median \$300

- **Assessment FY 13**

- 584 Consumers
- Average 2.14 hours
- Average \$379

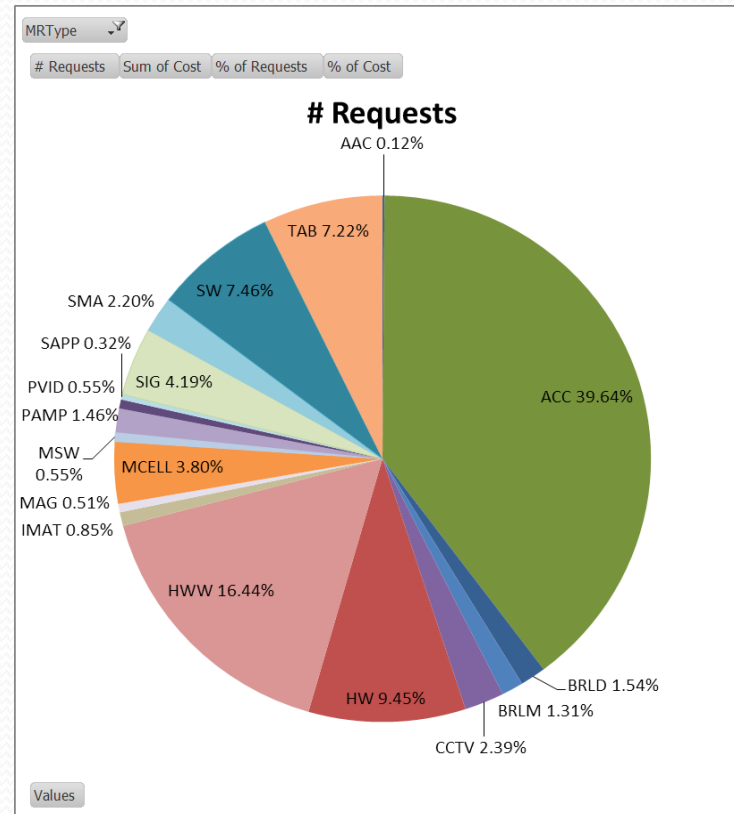
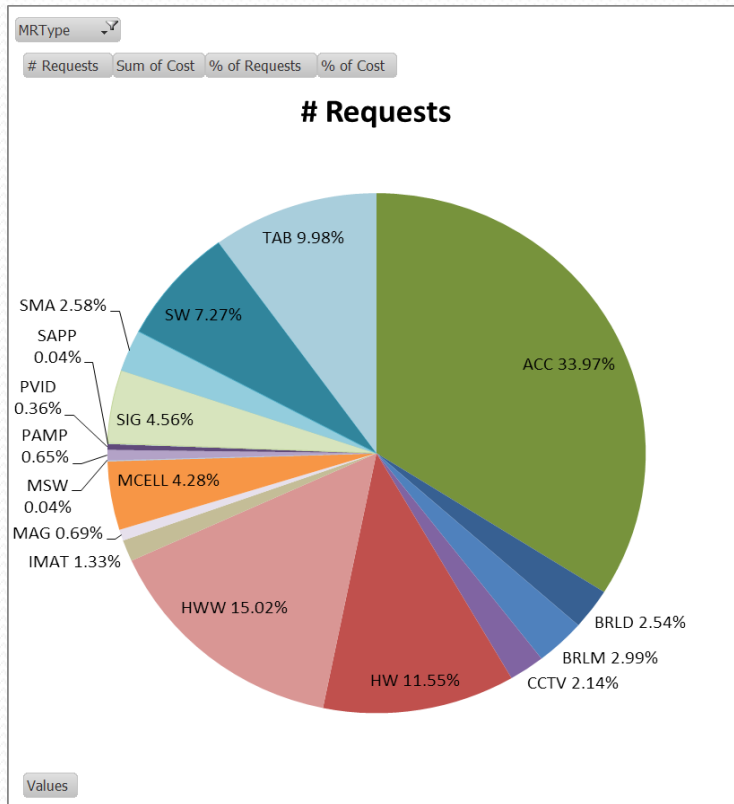
## *Equipment – FY 14*

- 795 consumers received equipment
- 4854 items distributed
- 3049 were Non Accessory Items
  - Accessories – 1805 (37% of items, 5% of Cost)
  - BRL devices – 138 (3% of items, 22% of Cost)
- Equipment cost per consumer
  - Max \$12,817
  - Average \$2,632
  - Median \$2,077

# Equipment Distribution Year 1 vs. Year 2

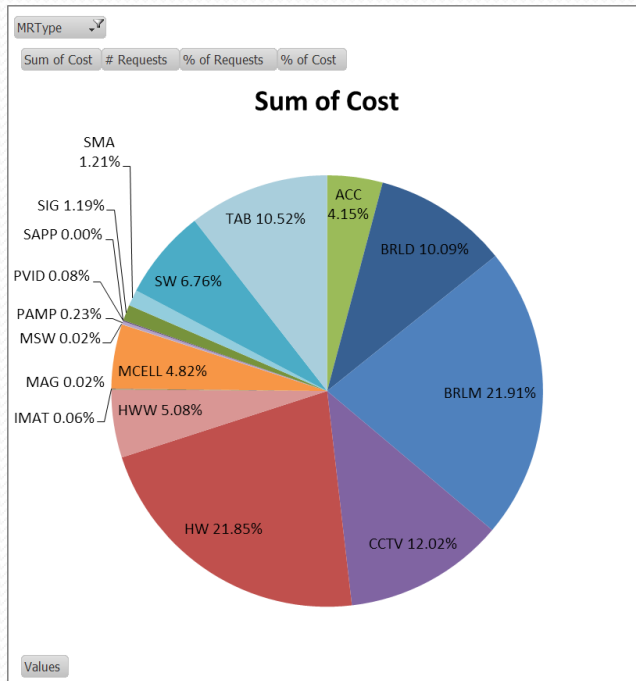
FY 13

FY 14

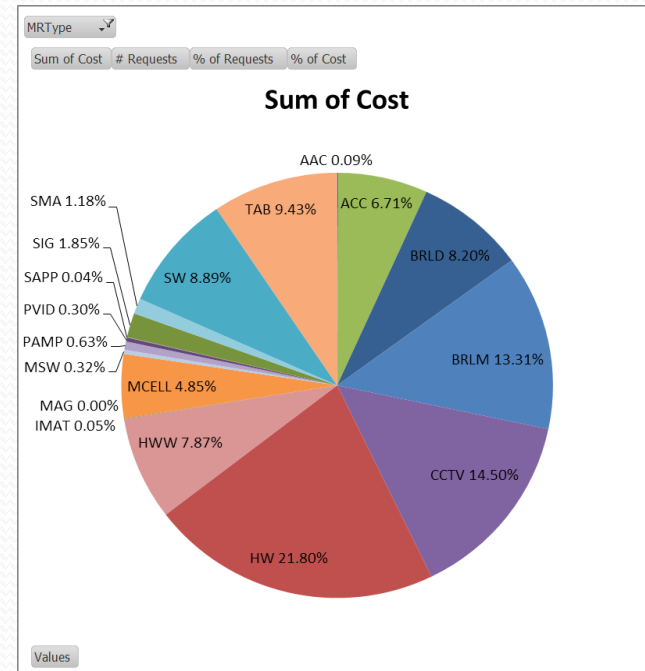


# Equipment Costs

FY 13



FY 14



- Less demo equipment ordered in Year 2
- Braille devices requested for consumers about the same just a smaller percentage of the total number of devices

## Training Year 1 vs. year 2

### FY 14

- 715 consumers trained
- Average hours 7.54
- Average cost \$1211

### FY 13

- 175 consumers trained
- Average hours 6.06
- Average cost \$985

More consumers served = more training performed.  
Some consumers with significant training needs continue to skew numbers

# Questions

